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(b) whether this amount continues to be with the Revenue Department after the merger of Pudukkottai with Madras; and

(c) if so, why?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) No irrigation cess was collected by the Revenue Department of the former Pudukkottai State except a cess of eight annas per acre on the ayacut of the tanks, in respect of which the irrigation cess was to be levied. The cess of eight annas per acre was collected to recoup the amount spent for the maintenance of such tanks, and credited into the Treasury under Personal Deposit Account No. 112 for their maintenance. The amount outstanding in the Personal Deposit Account on 1st January 1949 was Rs. 15,982-10-1.

" (b) & (c) The amount continues to be in the Personal Deposit Account No. 112 and steps are being taken to issue authorization to the Huzur Treasury, Tiruchirappalli, for opening a Personal Deposit Account in the name of the Collector of Tiruchirappalli and for transferring the amount to that account."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is this amount put to any use, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes, it is likely to be put to some use."

Veterinary Dispensary for Kanhangad

* 739 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to open a Veterinary dispensary at Kanhangad in the Hosdrug sub-taluk, South Kanara district; and

(b) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) & (b) The Government have sanctioned the opening of a Veterinary dispensary at Kanhangad in South Kanara district during the current financial year. The Director of Animal Husbandry is taking necessary action to open the dispensary."

State Judicial Service.

* 740 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to introduce written or *viva voce* tests for the selection of subordinate judicial officers, civil and criminal?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is presumed that the Member refers to District Munsifs and Subdivisional Magistrates included in the Madras State Judicial Service. Recruitment to this Service is made at the level of District Munsifs on the basis of a competitive examination comprising

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only an oral test in the shape of an interview conducted by the Public Services Commission with the assistance of one of the Judges of the High Court. There is no written test at present and there is no proposal at present to introduce such a test.''

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—'' Since the *viva voce* test that is now being held may mean more stress upon personality and other extraneous considerations, may I suggest that to promote efficiency and to debar extraneous considerations getting in, the written test may be held as in the case of All-India Services like the I.P.S., I.A.S. and I.F.S.? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' It is only the members of the Bar who compete for these posts. I do not think that any further written test will be welcomed by them.''

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—'' Does this test apply to the recruitment of Sub-Magistrates? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' I am answering the question relating to Munsifs and Subdivisional Magistrates.''

Bridge for '' Potten Kadavu Thodu ''

* 741 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to construct a bridge for '' Potten Kadavu Thodu '' in Koram amsam, Payyanur firka, North Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, when the construction work is likely to begin?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—'' (*a*) No, Sir.

'' (*b*) The question does not arise.''

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—'' Are the Government aware that people are put to so much difficulties for want of a bridge there. Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter and see that a bridge is constructed there? ''

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—'' Yes, Sir, the suggestion will be forwarded to the district board for examination.''

Grant from the Handloom Cess Fund for Malabar

* 742 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state what are the present proposals before the Government to utilize the Handloom Cess Fund in the Malabar district for the benefit of handloom weavers?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Existing Weavers' Co-operative Societies and new societies formed in the Malabar district are eligible for all forms of assistance